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## Faulconer's staff to take 6% reduction

Council President Pro Tem Kevin L. Faulconer reiterated today that his staff would be absorbing a 6 percent reduction in compensation starting July 1, which kicks off fiscal 2010 for the City.

Last month, Faulconer joined his council colleagues in voting to reduce compensation for union employees by 6 percent.

The Mayor reduced compensation for unclassified employees by 6 percent, and the City Council voted yesterday to support that decision. The Mayor asked each council office to incorporate the reductions in its upcoming annual budget, and Faulconer said his office would do that.

"I can't ask our employee groups to absorb reductions to their pay and benefits without asking my staff to do the same," Faulconer said. "I'm personally saving the City 27 percent from pension and car allowance benefits that I don't accept."

Faulconer opted out of the City's pension plan when he was first elected in 2006. That saves the City \$19,477 a year, or 18 percent of his annual compensation. In April 2008, he stopped accepting a car allowance, a \$9,600 annual benefit, and he does not take mileage reimbursements.

"I'm incredibly grateful for the sacrifices our employees are making," Faulconer said. "These are obviously tough times for them and for a lot of other San Diegans."